(b) if so, the major items of pharmaceuticals being exported and its contribution towards enhancing exports during the last two years; and

(c) the impact of recent unearthing of manufacturers of spurious drugs in India on pharmaceuticals exports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Yes Sir. Pharmexcil is the Export Promotion Council which is functioning with the objective of boosting pharmaceutical exports.

(b) The major items of pharmaceuticals being exported along with values thereof during the last two years were:

Product Category	2005-06 US $ Million	2006-07 US $ Million	2006-07 Share %	2006-07 Growth %
Crude Drugs	78.01	85.27	1.40	9.31
Bulk Drugs	2495.66	2674.38	43.96	7.16
Formulations	2569.52	3323.79	54.64	29.35
Total (Product Category)	5143.19	6083.44	100.00	18.28

(c) Monitoring mechanism for ensuring that spurious drugs are not exported exists in the Foreign Trade Policy.

Effect of *Ad Valorem* duty on export of chrome-ore

1658. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that there is already pending issue of computation of royalty on *ad valorem* basis on exporting chrome-ore, even after having the moisture contents;

(b) whether Government is ready to bear the expected loss of revenue to be accrued after imposition of duty on export of chrome-ore;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) A Study Group was set up under the Chairmanship of Special Secretary, Ministry of Mines to review the royalty rates of major minerals (other than coal, lignite and sand of stowing). Study Group has submitted its report which is under consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c) In 2007-08 budget, an export duty of Rs. 2000/- per metric tonne was imposed on all sorts of chromium ores and concentrates. It was felt that imposition of export duty would help in conserving our resources and raising revenue.

(d) Does not arise.